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2012 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release #1

Fall Announcement #1, Lower Yukon Area Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The Yukon Area will begin Fall Season management in the lower river districts on July 16. Based on the 2012 summer chum salmon run performance, the fall chum salmon run size is projected to be greater than 800,000 fish. This level of abundance should be adequate to meet escapement and subsistence priorities and provide for commercial harvest.

Coastal District

Effective 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 15, subsistence fishing will be open 7 days per week and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Districts 1 and 2

Effective 8 p.m. Sunday, July 15, subsistence fishing in Yukon Districts 1 and 2 will be open 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.

District 3

The next subsistence salmon fishing period in District 3 is scheduled to be open from 8:00 p.m. Sunday, July 15 until 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 17 with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 6 inches. Beginning at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, subsistence salmon fishing in District 3 will be open 7 days per week and fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller during open subsistence salmon fishing periods.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates are available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at (907) 949-1320 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at (907) 455-1845. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

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